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Hi Devon,

Thank you so much for your call.

Seattle passed a temporary ban on rent bidding end of March 2018. Here is a link to that legislation:
[Ordinance 125551](#)

As you know, rent bidding software increases upward pressure on rent, particularly in a high-cost city like Seattle, which disproportionately impacts low-income households and people of color. We would like to point to experiences and responses of other cities as part of the study of rental bidding platforms required by the Seattle City Council.

Any information you can provide on how rent bidding affected the rental market in Melbourne or other cities in Victoria and policy and legal responses taken would be helpful.

Thank you,

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